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List of candidates submitted by Governments of States Parties

Note by the Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

1. Article 6 of the Statute of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Annex VI to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, provides that vacancies in the membership of the Tribunal shall be filled by the same method as that laid down for the first election, subject to the provision that the Registrar shall, within one month of the occurrence of the vacancy, proceed to issue the invitations provided for in article 4 of Annex VI, and the date of the election shall be fixed by the President of the Tribunal after consultation with the States Parties. Article 6 further provides in its paragraph 2 that a member of the Tribunal elected to replace a member whose term of office has not expired shall hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's term.

2. In the light of the demise of Judge Lihai Zhao on 10 October 2000, a vacancy has occurred in the Tribunal for the remainder of his term of six years, which would have ended on 30 September 2002.

3. In accordance with the provisions of article 4 and other relevant provisions of the Statute and the Convention, the Registrar, in a note dated 6 November 2000, invited Governments of States Parties to submit the names of the candidates they might wish to nominate to the Tribunal, bearing in mind the decisions taken by the Meeting of States Parties on the matter.

4. Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Statute provides that the Registrar shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of all the persons thus nominated, with an indication of the States Parties which have nominated them. The nomination submitted to the Registrar by a State Party in reply to his request is, pursuant to article 4 of the Statute, set out in the annex to the present note.

5. The curriculum vitae of the candidate will be circulated in document SPLOS/62.

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6. By the above-mentioned note dated 6 November 2000, the Registrar informed States Parties that the date of the election would be fixed by the President of the Tribunal after consultation with the States Parties.

7. The President of the Tribunal has consulted with States Parties in accordance with article 6, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Tribunal, inter alia, by a note dated 12 December 2000 from the Registrar addressed to States Parties. Pursuant thereto, the President proposes that the election be held at the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties (United Nations Headquarters, 14-18 May 2001), on a date to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to be notified to States Parties in due course.

Annex

List of candidates

Name and nationality	*Nominated by*
Xu, Guangjian (China)	China

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Curricula vitae of candidates nominated by Governments of States Parties

Note by the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

The Secretary-General hereby submits to the Meeting of States Parties the curriculum vitae of the candidate nominated by a State party for the election of a judge to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Tribunal due to the demise of Judge Lihai Zao of China on 10 October 2000. The election is for the remainder of his term of six years, which would have ended on 30 September 2002.

II. Curriculum vitae

Xu Guangjian (China)

Current position: Ambassador and Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), People's Republic of China.

Place and date of birth: Sichuan Province, China, 15 August 1931.

Languages: Chinese, English.

Education

Department of International Politics, Qinghua University, Beijing, 1950-1952.

Master of Laws, Foreign Affairs College, People's University of China, Beijing, 1956.

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Career Background

1995-present:	Legal Adviser and Ambassador, MOFA, China.
1985-present:	Adjunct Professor of International Law, Foreign Affairs College, Beijing.
1992-1995:	Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, MOFA, China.
1990-1992:	Consul-General (Ambassadorial rank) of China in Sydney, Australia.
1985-1990:	Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, MOFA, China.
1965-1985:	Deputy Director and Director, Department of Treaty and Law, MOFA, China.
1956-1964:	Lecturer and Associate Professor of International Law, Foreign Affairs College, Beijing.

Academic activities

Vice-President and Senior Adviser, Chinese Society of International Law.

Vice-President, Chinese Society of the Law of the Sea.

Senior Researcher, Hainan Research Institute of the South China Sea.

Senior Adviser, Chinese Institute of Marine Affairs.

Professional Activities

Alternate Representative, Chinese Delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, 1976-1982.

Head of Chinese delegation to the following meetings:

- Informal Consultations by the United Nations Secretary-General on Part XI of the UNCLOS, 1993.
- Meeting of States parties to UNCLOS, 1994.
- Annual sessions of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, 1985-1989, 1994-1995, 1998-1999.
- Sessions and informal consultations of the Fourth Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting on Antarctic Mineral Resources, 1985-1988.
- Sessions of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Outer Space and its Legal Subcommittee, 1985-1989.
- First and second sessions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification, 1993.
- Thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, 1994-1995.

Chief Chinese representative, Joint Committee of Sino-Pakistan Boundary Inspection, 1985-1987.

Chief Chinese representative, Joint Committee for the Demarcation of the Eastern Section of the Sino-Russian Boundary, 1992-1995.

Special Adviser, Chinese delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, 1993-1994.

Representative of China, Sixth Committee of the General Assembly, 1993-1994.

Alternate head of the Chinese delegation to the inaugural meeting of the International Seabed Authority, 1994.

Senior Expert, Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea, 1993-present.

Head of the Chinese Expert Group on Marine Issues in the Sino-Vietnamese Boundary Delimitation Negotiations, 1994-present.

Senior Legal Adviser, Chinese Expert Group on the Delimitation of the Sino-Vietnamese Boundaries in the Beibu Gulf, 1995-present.

Lectures and publications

Lectures and articles on international law and the law of the sea, including inter alia, the following:

- "Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea and UNCLOS", *Chinese Yearbook of International Law*, 1983.
- *New Developments in the International Law of the Sea*, Foreign Affairs College, 1983.
- *International Seabed Development Regime in UNCLOS*, Chinese Society of International Law, 1985.
- "International Law and Diplomacy", Chinese Society of International Law, 1993.
- *Legal Issues on the Agreement Implementing Part XI of UNCLOS*, Chinese Society of the Law of the Sea, 1994.